

Williams-Childs House
New York Route 28
Oaksville, Otsego Township
Otsego County
New York

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Location: New York Route 28, Oaksville, Otsego Township,
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Present Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Marco Stergas, Oaksville, New York.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Original and subsequent owners: Williams; Charles Childs; Joseph Necrason; Marco Stergas.
2. Date of erection: About 1828. Wooden portion built about 1850.
3. Notes on alterations and additions: A wooden wing on the west, used as servants' quarters, was torn off about 1912.
4. Important Old Views and Sources of Information: Local History File, New York State Historical Association, Cooperstown, New York.
Photographs: 1 exterior, showing the servants' wing on the west.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural Character: This is a large, two-story, stone country house, built c.1828, with simple detail and finish.
2. Condition of Fabric: Poor. All exterior wood needs paint.

B. Technical Description of Exterior

1. Over-all dimensions and orientation: This is a two-and-a-half story rectangular building, four bays wide by four bays deep, facing south.
2. Foundations: Stone.
3. Wall construction: Coursed rubble masonry, stone of variegated colors.

4. Porches: Two-story high portico across entire south front. The portico has four, very slender white pine columns with simplified capitals raised on undecorated pedestals. The gable roof of the house continues over the porch, with the gable end of the roof forming the pediment of the portico. The portico ceiling is lined with tin.
5. Chimneys: Two brick chimneys, one plastered, at the center of the house.
6. Openings
 - a. Doorways and doors: The house has wood panel doors in simple wood frames. The masonry openings have flat arches.
 - b. Windows and shutters: Double-hung wood windows in wood frames with 12 light sash over 12 light sash. First floor window openings have either solid stone lintels or flat arches; some second floor windows have similar lintels or arches, others support the masonry above on the wood window frame. About half the windows retain adjustable louvered shutters.
7. Roof
 - a. Shape, covering: Gable roof, covered with asbestos shingles.
 - b. Eaves: Boxed eaves with simple moldings.

C. Technical Description of Interiors

1. Floor Plans: Central hall type plan, two rooms deep, with the centered front entrance squeezed between the center two windows of the four-bay front.
2. Stairways: One stairway in center of house, closed in, steep and narrow.
3. Flooring: Painted wood.
4. Wall and ceiling finish: Plaster walls and ceilings, papered.
5. Lighting: Electric.
6. Heating: Stoves. Three fireplaces, 1 cellar, 1 parlor, and the third one in kitchen, are not in use.

D. Site

1. General setting: Farm.

2. Outbuildings: Attached barns and sheds.
3. Landscaping: Informal, with lawn, trees, flowers, and shrubs.

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